

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A web-based supply chain system for improving business productivity, said system comprising:

a server configured with a database of business information, said server further configured with a plurality of user interfaces associated with at least one business transactional application, said server further configured for allowing a user to access and retrieve said at least one business transactional application, said at least one business transactional application including a web page configured to provide access for a plurality of users internal to a business entity and to users external to the business entity to enable users to access data wherein the data comprises comprising at least one non-conformance that occurs during at least one of an assembly and test stage and a component manufacturing stage of a supply chain process;

at least one computer; and

a network coupling said at least one computer to said server.

- 2. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said business information database includes information relevant to a plurality of supply chain processes, said server further configured to store and download data relevant to at least one of the supply chain processes.
- 3. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said supply chain processes include at least one of demand planning, planning and scheduling, configuration management, order management, procurement, component manufacturing, assembly and test, logistics, and billing and collection.
- 4. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 2 wherein said server further configured to allow a user to:

set and input inventory requirements; and

monitor a suppliers availability to ship inventory.